

A DAY OF CHEER.

Christmas Is a Pleasant One in Kansas.

Celebrations at the Churches Are Elaborate.

LITTLE ONES HAPPY.

Gifts for All of Them at the Churches.

Gray Bearded Santa Claus a Welcome Guest.

One of the features of Christmas that endears it to the juvenile bosom above and beyond any of the other holidays of the year is the fact that it lasts a good deal longer than any of the rest. It begins early on the night before, and it lasts until the "taps" sound from the soldiered horn as the last weary celebrant abandons revelry for bed. On Thanksgiving day the interest centers about the dinner and, it finished, there is nothing more. Fourth of July comes, and the festive winter, it is true, and it commences as early as the misty, dewy morning as one is mindful to begin. It also extends gratifying into the night with the fireworks, but still it has no night before Christmas prelude, an item decidedly unfavorable to it in the comparison. For therein lies the superiority of Christmas.

The stocking is ready for its station above the fire place far in advance of time but a final examination must be made for holes whereby something might be lost. The atmosphere of tense interest in the arrangement of the Christmas tree is ample excuse for youthful insomnia while the positive knowledge that there are bundles and packages without number and which always seriously compromises the Santa Claus theory—breeds the excitement until it permeates the very dream of its victim. Little Willie is a case of nerves which is remarkable if it does not begin before 6 p. m., and it reaches the crisis about bed time. It is bed time but not slumber time until the case of Christmas eve dreads has worn its owner to the verge of exhaustion, to say nothing of the owner's parents. But this apprehension and tension are that of the whole affair, which, while resulting in nothing substantial, is remembered until next Christmas. That is why that gray-bearded old fellow of the night before Christmas is still popular. In its original form or some variation by tableaux it appeared at probably last night. At the Christmas eve celebration at the First Methodist Episcopal church last night the children of that church did not receive presents—there has been the custom in that particular church for many years past. Instead of being the recipients of Christmas gifts the children were all requested to donate whatever they could spare to give to the poor children of the city. Toys were not the only thing received, however. Clothing and other useful articles were donated and almost every kind of food was well represented in the large pile that was on exhibition on the platform during the entertainment.

The entertainment was a delightful one and was a success in every particular. The church was tastefully decorated with the evergreen and holly, and quite a holiday atmosphere was given by the use of electric lights and a large assortment of tinsel. The audience was the feature of the evening. It was an exceptionally large one, and a member of the congregation and all of their relations were there, but the little ones were probably the most in evidence. The unusually large attendance on the part of the younger members of the church was probably due to a previous announcement which was to the effect that the children of the church were to be given a special Christmas program of carols and Christmas anthems will be given at this evening's exercises. The Sunday school meeting, which will have to do with Christmas and its meaning, will be given at the same time. The evening service will be aided with a display of stereoscopic slides.

At the church of the Assumption the music given in the two services held to-day was of the highest quality. In keeping with the usual excellence of this feature of the Catholic church service, it was a most enjoyable and interesting program, and when he finally did make his appearance he was greeted by a round of applause. Several little boys then came forward and the children amused themselves by throwing cotton snowballs at the old man. Another feature of the entertainment was the reading of the original Christmas story by Mrs. Margaret Hill, McCarty.

At the Congregational church all of the children were given presents as of old. An enjoyable entertainment was held after which Santa Claus made his appearance from a farther room in an airship. Santa Claus, who was in a vehicle was explained by the superintendent of the Sunday school who said that on account of the lack of snow a sleigh was out of the question, and as it was feared that a wagon might break down it was thought best to use an airship. This explanation suited the children all right. In fact they didn't come and brought plenty of candy with him. They were not disappointed.

THIS IS STRANGE.

Kansas Credited With Over 600 Saloon Keepers.

Figures Given by the U. S. Census Reports.

WELL UP IN THE LIST.

No Southern State Except Texas Has So Many.

Only One New England State Has More.

It is a peculiar fact, hitherto unpublished, that the reports of the last census show that Kansas has over six hundred saloonkeepers, and that in this respect Kansas stands twenty-fifth in the list of states. This is not published as a reflection upon prohibition, but simply as a statement of fact made by the census bureau.

According to the figures of the census bureau, Kansas has more saloonkeepers than any southern state except Texas, Louisiana, Tennessee and Kentucky. It has more than three-fourths as many as Massachusetts, although the latter state has a population much larger than Kansas, including many large cities. No other New England state except Connecticut has as many. Maine, another prohibition state, is credited with 220. South Carolina, a state which Kansasans generally look down upon, has with its dispensary system, only 13 saloonkeepers.

Where all of these 600 Kansas saloonkeepers are located it is impossible to tell from the published census reports, as the figures are given in detail only for towns of more than 25,000 population, and Kansas has only two of these, Topeka and Kansas City. Kan. Topeka is credited with only seven saloonkeepers, while Kansas City, Kan., shows up with 74. It is very likely that Leavenworth, Wichita, and a few more towns would make up a large per cent of the total.

The figures that are quoted are published in the census tables relating to occupations. The rank of the various states is an interesting study. The full list, giving the states in their rank and the number of male and female saloonkeepers in each, is as follows:

Rank.	State.	Male.	Female.
1.	New York	10,955	345
2.	Illinois	8,284	286
3.	Ohio	8,067	283
4.	Wisconsin	5,343	141
5.	Massachusetts	4,084	127
6.	Indiana	3,810	128
7.	New Jersey	3,510	128
8.	Michigan	3,206	123
9.	Missouri	3,102	114
10.	Texas	2,515	126
11.	Maryland	1,782	126
12.	California	1,713	126
13.	Kentucky	1,413	123
14.	Connecticut	1,373	124
15.	Nebraska	1,157	110
16.	Washington	1,068	81
17.	West Virginia	929	70
18.	Massachusetts	799	86
19.	Louisiana	723	21
20.	Arkansas	690	21
21.	Tennessee	650	60
22.	Kansas	600	112
23.	West Virginia	612	9
24.	Virginia	463	19
25.	Rhode Island	453	40
26.	Arizona	379	4
27.	Oklahoma	357	13
28.	District of Columbia	325	18
29.	Iowa	320	12
30.	New Mexico	303	2
31.	Alabama	226	5
32.	Wyoming	262	0
33.	New Hampshire	262	2
34.	Utah	252	2
35.	Idaho	213	2
36.	Maine	213	2
37.	North Carolina	199	7
38.	Florida	119	0
39.	North Dakota	113	0
40.	South Dakota	96	1
41.	Mississippi	96	1
42.	Alaska	96	0
43.	Montana	96	0
44.	Vermont	38	2
45.	Hawaii	31	0
46.	Delaware	31	0
47.	North Carolina	31	0

Another interesting comparison is the vast difference between towns having the same approximate population. For instance, Topeka is given as having a population over 10 years ago of about 27,000, and it is credited or discredited with seven saloonkeepers. Terre Haute, Ind., with 30,000 population, has 132 saloonkeepers. Tacoma, Wash., with about the same population, has 97 saloonkeepers. Superior, Wis., with 23,000 population, has 132 saloonkeepers. Springfield, Ohio, with 31,000 population, has 119. On the other hand, York, Pa., the same size as Topeka, has only two saloonkeepers, and Williamsport, Pa., with 23,000 population, has only eight.

HAD STEEL KNUCKLES.

Another White House Crank Sent to Asylum.

Gen. Reyes Submits Document to Secretary Hay.

Washington, Dec. 25.—Having addressed a letter to President Roosevelt, the nature of which led the secret officers on duty at the White House to believe that he was insane, the police arrested German Kehl, a native of construction, Chile. When taken into custody he had on his person a loaded revolver and a pair of steel knuckles. He said he was an inventor and had several patents pending and he desired to be protected. He was pronounced insane by the military surgeon and was sent to St. Elizabeth asylum.

THREATS AGAINST TOOTLE

Efforts to Blackmail a St. Joe Millionaire.

St. Joseph, Mo., Dec. 25.—Letters of a threatening character have been received by Milton Tootle, a millionaire banker of St. Joseph, for several weeks. Various sums have been demanded by the letters, and the latest demand was made for \$10,000. Mr. Tootle last night drove in an open buggy as directed to a secluded spot in the outskirts of the city. He was preceded, however, by six members of the police force and some friend all heavily armed. They secreted themselves in the bushes. Two suspicious characters were seen by the police but they quickly disappeared. The blackmailers are using methods similar to those employed in the Cuddey kidnapping case and have threatened to spirit away the young son of Tootle.

MRS. HOAR DEAD.

Wife of the Massachusetts Senator Dies Suddenly.

Washington, Dec. 25.—Ruth Miller Hoar, wife of Senator Hoar of Massachusetts, died suddenly last night at her home in Washington of angina pectoris.

Sensor Hoar, the family physician and Mrs. Patterson, a friend, were with her when she died. Mrs. Hoar had been in poor health for some time, but an improvement in her condition had been noted recently and her sudden death caused a great shock to her family and friends. The body will be taken to Worcester today for burial.

Service will be held in this city. Mrs. Hoar, prior to her marriage, was Miss Ruth A. Miller, daughter of a well known family and was the senator's second wife.

DEAD NUMBER 64.

Robbers Secured Large Amount of Loot from Wreck Victims.

Connellsville, Pa., Dec. 25.—A summing up of the results of Wednesday night's wreck of the Duquesne-Limited on the B. & O. shows that 64 persons were killed and nine injured. All but a few of the 64 bodies have been identified and the bodies of the unknown will be laid away in Hill Grove cemetery. Much money was found on the persons of the unidentified. Tightly sewed in a belt on one of the bodies was found more than \$400. Sums ranging from \$100 to \$300 were found on several persons. All has been put in a bank.

Many victims of the wreck were robbed of money, jewels and Christmas presents which they were taking to relatives and friends from Pittsburgh. Many rings were taken from the fingers of corpses. Robbers were on the scene early, and before many of the rescuers arrived they had secured much booty. Much of the loot consisted of baggage and hand baggage that had been tossed about the cars. Many Connellsville people had been in Pittsburgh buying Christmas presents for their families. The presenters are missing. The jury is now viewing the bodies and taking evidence as to the cause of the disaster.

Superintendent J. P. Irwin of the B. & O. gave today the names of the wreck must be fastened on the persons who loaded the ties on the flatcar. His theory is that the stakes at the side of the car were pulled out and the ties fell, causing the car to round the curve. Mr. Irwin says there is no truth in the rumor that train wreckers derailed the train.

BLACKMAILER CAUGHT.

Had Tried to Hold Up Number of Rich Men.

Chicago, Dec. 25.—The source of mysterious letters demanding large sums of money, which for the last six months have been received by men high in the financial world of New York and Chicago was today traced to a man, Brennan, a commercial artist of Chicago, and Brennan was arrested as he was leaving the general postoffice where he had gone to answer a decoy letter.

When confronted with evidence Brennan confessed to having attempted to extort money from a number of wealthy men. He had been practicing his intended victims with death should they refuse to pay. In his confession Brennan declared that all his attempts to extort money had been futile, as he had never received a dollar in answer to the demands.

New York financiers of whom Brennan demanded money were J. P. Morgan, John D. Rockefeller and James Stillman and Andrew Carnegie. Of each of these men he demanded \$25,000. It is said, reduced the amount demanded to \$25,000. Among those in Chicago whom Brennan attempted to levy upon were Marshall Field, R. T. Crane, J. Ogden Armour and G. F. Swift. None of the Chicago men was asked for more than \$25,000.

MAN'S HEAD IN TRUNK.

Man and Woman Arrested for Killing a Chinaman.

San Bernardino, Cal., Dec. 25.—The arrested Miguel delon, and a woman, who at Bakersfield on the charge of murdering Lee Gar, a Chinese at Needles, were today arrested on the charge of having hidden the head of an unknown man. The woman's trunk has been found in the trunk of a car and the man's body was found in a ditch. The man's trunk was found in a ditch. The man's body was found in a ditch. The man's trunk was found in a ditch. The man's body was found in a ditch.

FURZE IS PLUCKED.

Ex-Spotter Charged With Theft This Time.

Dick Furze, the ex-spotter, was arrested last night by Officer Hendricks on the charge of petty larceny. Furze was caught with several articles of clothing which he had stolen from the department on the evening of last night. Furze was arrested on the charge of larceny and he was now being held in the city jail. Furze has a long criminal record and is a well known figure in the city. Furze was employed for a while by the city hall to "spot" the actions of policemen.

SCARED CHILD TO DEATH.

Charge Filed Against Indian Agent Anderson.

Spokane, Wash., Dec. 25.—Charges have been filed against Indian Agent Anderson at Washington against Indian Agent A. M. Anderson of Miles, Mich. Anderson is charged with the murder of a child, a cripple and deaf, by allowing the Indian police to frighten a child to death; allowing the police to threaten a child with a knife; and allowing the Indian police to refuse to allow Indians to leave school to help harvest the crops. Anderson is charged with taking children to school without the knowledge of parents who thought them drowned, and other acts of incompetency. Affidavits accompany the charges.

LOOKS FOR WAR.

Government Changes Orders Issued to Cable Ship.

Burnside Will Go to Manila via Honolulu.

RUSSIAN AGENTS HERE

Purchasing Forage and Supplies on the Coast.

For Use in Case of War With Japan.

Seattle, Wash., Dec. 25.—The government has changed the sailing orders of the United States cable ship Burnside, which was scheduled to sail January 1 from this port to Manila by way of Nagasaki, Japan, directing that she proceed to the Philippines by way of Honolulu, a fact which is construed as meaning that war is anticipated in the near future between Japan and Russia. Rumors are current here that Russia already has agents not only in San Francisco but in this city with instructions to purchase large quantities of supplies and forage for use in the far east.

SECRET ORDERS.

Sherman and Newport to Be Got Ready for Destination.

San Francisco, Dec. 25.—Orders have been received from Washington by local transport officials to get the troops ships Sherman and Newport in readiness for sea service immediately. The transport officials maintain secrecy as to the orders received and refuse to divulge the destination of the troops ships. It is generally believed, however, that it is the intention to have the troops ships in readiness for any movement in the near future. The ships, Bennington, has arrived in port from the Bremerton navy yard. It is understood that she will leave in company with the Newport, sailing as the torpedo boats Paul Jones and Preble.

TRUMPET FOR WAGNER.

The Initial Production of "Parsifal" in New York.

New York, Dec. 25.—Richard Wagner's sacred music drama "Parsifal," over which there have been legal complications, a storm of public protest and some enormous practical difficulties, was produced last night before an immense audience. The production was the first public performance of the drama outside of Bayreuth.

To give the work, the Metropolitan stage was rebuilt, elaborate mechanical appliances and lighting apparatus were purchased and the musical centers of Europe were ransacked to secure a corps of experts for every department. Last night's performance amounted to a triumph for the director, Heinrich Conried. In the opinion of everyone who has made the "Parsifal" pilgrimage to Bayreuth, last night's performance surpassed all those previously given.

Last night's audience was brilliant and came from Boston, Philadelphia, Washington, Baltimore, Chicago and other cities. The performance was begun at 5 o'clock, the opening of the drama and that of each of the acts being heralded after Bayreuth custom by trumpets on the main staircases. The first act, ending at 7 o'clock, was followed by a recess for dinner. The performance was resumed at 8:45 o'clock and concluded at 11:30 o'clock. While some used the long interval to drive home, a rule dinner was taken at restaurants. Annoying to some was caused by the fact that the play began too soon for evening dress and ended long after the time for donning evening costume.

The cast at all important points was strong, three at least of the principal actors having learned their parts under the tutelage of Frau Wagner. The hero was Herr Alois Burgstaller as the Parsifal; Frau Hilka Termina as the Kundry; and Herr Blass as the Guernebant. Anton VanRooy was the Amfortas, M. Marcellos the Titurel, and Herr Otto Gortz the Klingsor.

The mystical atmosphere which pervades "Parsifal" is maintained throughout its climaxes of religious exaltation, set apart from every other work written by the modern stage. Not only are the artists required to give a great company of well drilled minor personages, but Wagner prescribed scenic spectacles of a startling sort. "Parsifal" is an odd rather than an even yet it needs the finest dramatic resources to people its pictures in a way that will convince.

THE DEWEY SUIT.

To Be Only for Separate Support and Not for Divorce.

Manhattan, Kan., Dec. 25.—The attorneys, Daughters & Story, for Mrs. Gertrude M. Dewey, wife of C. F. Dewey, the Kansas millionaire, say that Mrs. Dewey's suit is only for separate support and is not a suit for divorce. The suit was filed in the district court of Manhattan. Mrs. Dewey is not contemplating divorce, she asked that this point be made clear.

BREACH OF TRUST.

Charged Against Colorado Judge by a Woman Lawyer.

Denver, Dec. 25.—Miss Mary F. Lathrop, a prominent attorney of this city, who has for some time had a suit pending for a \$50,000 fee alleged to be due her from the George W. Clayton estate for services in defending the will, has filed a brief in the court of appeals in which she makes sensational charges against Judge Moses H. H. Clayton, her former client. The estate, Miss Lathrop makes many specific charges of mismanagement of the estate, claiming that Clayton had the executor has paid large sums of money to himself and to others without authority from the court.

GOVERNOR IS BETTER.

He Is So Improved as to Be Able to Leave His Bed Today.

Governor Bailey is much improved today. He is suffering from a severe cold but no serious consequences are anticipated. He is able to be up today, but is keeping in doors and his physician has ordered him to exercise care and not leave the house.

LETTER FROM WOOD.

General Tells of His Relations With Bellairs.

New York, Dec. 25.—The Commercial Advertiser prints a letter signed by General Leonard Wood and addressed to Dr. Horace Fletcher of Yale university, which the writer tells of his acquaintance with Edgar G. Bellairs. In the letter, which was written at Cairo on May 12 last, General Wood, referring to Bellairs, said: "In the spring of 1899 he was promoted to Havana (from Santiago) not at my request or suggestion, direct or indirect, as I remember it. He asked absolutely no favors of me, or so far as I know from any one."

"After my transfer to Havana as governor of the whole island in December, 1899, Bellairs continued on duty. I should say about five months, and was then sent to China and the Philippines, not at my suggestion or request, directly or indirectly. I was sorry to have him go, as we all liked him and found him reliable. In the Philippines Bellairs was a believer in military government instead of civil and apparently completely and honestly and without trouble with the civil government in the way of loss of friendly relations followed."

"After Bellairs left Havana ugly rumors about him began to be circulated. They came almost entirely from a number of men who did not like him, and on investigation nothing definite was found. I heard from him very seldom. Finally some one published what purported to be a story of Bellairs' past and pointed out that he was my particular friend and that I sent him to China and that his attitude toward the civil government was at my suggestion and that I was working to relieve Taft, stories and conclusions as to the character of the man which I find very silly. Who started the thing no one knows, but doubtless some of the people I had to handle without gloves. I saw my way out of Cuba. It was far fetched and dishonest, and intended to create trouble. This is the whole story. Bellairs was in no way especially intimate with me. I never saw him after he left. I do not think that in all his Cuban service he was at my table more than three or four times."

"After his death, as I did the Sun man, and gave them such news as I could. They were treated exactly alike."

BIG HOLIDAY TRADE.

Was Equal to or in Excess of Last Year's.

New York, Dec. 25.—Bradstreet's says that activity in holiday trade with sales equal to or in excess of last year at most markets; quiet in wholesale lines, as usual at this period. The ending of the holiday season is the ending of the Colorado coal strike and gradual downward readjustment of wages in coal, iron and steel and to some extent conditions of supply and demand.

The year is, however, closing in many lines with rather more cheerful tone than seemed possible some time ago.

Wheat, including flour, exports for the week ending December 19 aggregated 2,355,668 bushels, against 3,300,000 bushels last week, 3,500,488 this year for a total of 2,355,668 bushels, against 12,700,000 in 1902, 14,000,000 in 1901 and 8,500,000 in 1900.

A WORD FROM GILLET.

G. W. Hurd, of Abilene, Confers With Some of the Plunger's Creditors.

Kansas City, Kan., Dec. 25.—G. W. Hurd of Abilene, Kan., is in conference with some of the creditors of the Kansas cattle plunger, who fled to Old Mexico a few years ago and who is now said to be living in Mexico. The creditors are today in consultation with some of the largest creditors of his client. Mr. Hurd refused to disclose the nature of the matter, but made the positive statement that Gillett would attend the meeting of creditors, to be held in this city December 31, in person and present his proposition for a settlement of the claims held against him.

"Will Mr. Gillett come here on the advice of his attorneys?"

"I cannot answer that question," said Mr. Hurd. "There has been too much publicity about this matter, as it concerns only Mr. Gillett and his creditors."

"What is the nature of Mr. Gillett's proposition to his creditors?"

"While I am fully advised regarding the proposition, I cannot say more. I know the nature of the proposition and will not find out until December 31. Mr. Gillett will attend the meeting of creditors. I am frank to say that I think it is ill-edged and a security."

"Do you expect any trouble for your client, Mr. Hurd, in the case of the creditors?"

"No, I don't. I have found no one who is anxious to prosecute, though I have not come in personal contact with many of the creditors. Most of them are anxious to try and realize something for the paper floated by Gillett and his agents."

DUEL IMMINENT.

Parties Interested in Fair Will Case.

Exchange Hot Words Over the Testimony.

CALLED A BANKRUPT.

French Doctor Testifying for Mrs. Fair's Folks.

Insulted by the Attorney for the Other Side.

Paris, Dec. 25.—During the hearing of the Fair case a duel was imminent between Dr. Dechateau, a witness, and Edmund Kelly, of the American embassy, the lawyer representing Mrs. William K. Vanderbilt, Jr., and Mrs. Herman Oelrichs. The hearing on Thursday was held in the house of Dr. Dechateau, near the place where the accident occurred which resulted in the death of Mr. and Mrs. Fair. Dr. Dechateau and Dr. Perrotet had testified that Mrs. Fair had lived the longest when Mr. Kelly intimated that Dr. Dechateau was a bankrupt. Dr. Dechateau was upon his feet in an instant.

"Sir," he cried, "you have insulted me grossly. You must give me satisfaction, and my seconds will call upon you."

The place was in an uproar, and for a time it was impossible to proceed with the hearing. Friends of Mr. Kelly and Dr. Dechateau intervened and the challenge was withdrawn, under protest.

GOODHUE COMING HERE.

Important Change in Santa Fe Shop Foremen Reported.

Emporia, Kan., Dec. 25.—The Emporia Gazette says: "It is unofficially reported in railroad circles today that after the first of January a new man will be at the head of the mechanical department of the Santa Fe here. A. P. Goodhue has been division foreman here for many years, and he is to report to Topeka today to see what next. It is said that he will be given a foremanship in the Topeka shops, which will be a promotion from the foremanship here, but he will be over shopmen instead of roadmen. Mr. Cleveland, from the Chicago Northwestern will succeed Mr. Goodhue here, in the report. Mr. Goodhue's friends will regret to see him leave Emporia."

HAVE A "LEAN" CHRISTMAS.

Wall Street Broker Not in Mood for Lavish Generosity.

New York, Dec. 25.—Wall street is having a "lean" Christmas. Brokers have had one of the poorest years known in a long while and the stock certificates to favored cashiers and 10 to 50 per cent. bonus to other employees are scarce.

Nearly \$20,000 has been raised to distribute among the working forces of the four big cotton exchanges. The amount the stock exchange has raised \$11,000. This does not vary greatly from year to year, as members regard the Christmas fund as a "must" and "fixed charge" which enters regularly in their yearly expenses.

Clerks in the brokers' offices who have charged with the collection of the fund will do better this season than the men working exclusively on stock accounts.

From the postoffice this Christmas is a record breaker. The registry, money order and stamp department has sent about 2,000,000 Christmas remembrances. Two hundred and forty men are kept busy all day and long into the night, handling packages, 1,000,000 of which passed through the office Monday. The domestic service and fund raising mail have increased over last year about 15 per cent.

Nearly \$20,000 in money orders has been sent abroad. The money order business shows a total of \$20,000,000 for the season.

TO INVESTIGATE GIBSON.

Objections to the "Meddling" of Wyandotte County Attorney.

Kansas City, Kas., Dec. 25.—The objection raised by James S. Gibson, county attorney of Wyandotte county, to the appointment of Charles F. Hutchings as assistant attorney general, by Attorney General Coleman, to assist in the inquiry before the grand jury, has caused the members of the citizens' committee to announce that they will at once proceed against Mr. Gibson in an attempt to oust him from office.

Mr. Coleman appointed Mr. Hutchings his assistant after a conference Tuesday evening with County Attorney Gibson. The commission, signed by Attorney General Coleman, was delivered to Mr. Hutchings the day after it was signed. Mr. Coleman said he had the right to appoint Mr. Hutchings his assistant without consulting anyone, but as a courtesy to Mr. Gibson he was consulted in the matter. The citizens' committee held a meeting yesterday and it was then decided to institute the ouster proceedings against County Attorney Gibson at once, and also ask that the charges against Mr. Gibson be investigated by the grand jury at the earliest possible date so that he may be disposed of finally.

An Evangelist Missing.

Sloux Falls, S. D., Dec. 25.—The Rev. Charles A. B. Anderson, an evangelist who has occupied pulpits at once, and also at Presbyterian churches in this city and also in charge of a mission, has mysteriously disappeared.

AT 200,000 POUNDS OF FISH.

Spent in the Gayest Manner.

The whole town was given up to the most sumptuous of fish dinners. The fish consumed aggregated 200,000 pounds. The pope received fifty pounds of fish from Venice as a present from his former parishioners. At the Queen's every-body was busy preparing the presents which the king and queen, the queen mother and the royal princes were to the little princess Yolande and Nafilda, the larger part of these presents consisting of dolls.